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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, insert the following headings and paragraph immediately preceding the sub-heading “Technical Field”:

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 10/556,455 filed November 10, 2005, and naming as inventors David John Chatting, Jeremy Michael Thorne and Charles Nightengale.

BACKGROUND

Page 1, line 3: change the sub-heading “Technical Field” to:

1. Technical Field

Page 1, line 7: delete “Background to the Invention and Prior Art” and insert the following sub-heading:

2. Related Art

Page 1, please amend the paragraph commencing at line 8 as follows:

Automatic caricaturing methods and systems are already known in the art.

Brennan, S. E. in "Caricature Generator: The Dynamic Exaggeration of Faces by

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Computer." Leonardo, Vol.18 no.3 Vol. 18, no. 3, pp. 170-178, describes a computational model of caricature which allowed a two-dimensional line-drawn caricature to be generated from photographs. The user traces over the original image (by placing a set of markers over the image) to generate a veridical line drawing of the subject. An example of such an original image and the resulting veridical line drawing are shown in Figures 11(a) and 11(b) . Here, an original image as shown in Figure 11(a) results in a veridical line drawing as shown in Figure 11(b).

Page 2, line 25: delete "Summary of the Invention" and insert the following heading:

BRIEF SUMMARY

Pages 2-3, bridging paragraph:

In order to address the above problem, the present invention provides exemplary embodiments provide a method of generating a caricatured image which takes into account facial features, and applies caricaturing to each feature area independently. This is achieved by defining within a reference image predefined feature areas, and then finding corresponding areas in an input image to the reference feature areas. A caricatured image is then generated by taking points within the input image in turn, and

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determining within which feature area a point lies. A corresponding caricature point can then be found depending upon the feature area in which the point was found to lie. This has the effect of applying caricaturing transformations on a feature-by-feature basis. Moreover, the transformations applied preferably comprise translations and scalings, such that the resulting shape of each feature is not distorted.

Page 4, line 18: change “Brief Description of the Drawings” to the following

heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 5, line 21: change “Description of the Embodiment” to the following

heading:

DESCRIPTION OF EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

Page 18, line 1: delete “CLAIMS” and insert the following heading:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: